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A Warning for HOVSE-KEEPERS,

OR,

A Discovery of all sorts of Thieves and Robbers which go under these Titles,

VIZ.
- *The Gilter,*
- *The Mill,*
- *The Glasier,*
- *Budg and Snudg.*
- *File-Lifter,*
- *Tongue-Padder,*
- *The private Theif.*

With Directions how to Prevent them.

Also an exact Discription of every one of their Practices.

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The firſt ſort is called a *Gilter*.

THis *Gilter* is one that hath all ſorts of Picklocks and falſe Keys to open any Locks both of Dores, Cheſts, Trunks and the like. There are ſeveral ſorts that do creep to theſe ſort of Thieves, as the *Budge*, the *Liſter*, and the private Thieves, as when they ſee any locking up of moneys and they cannot get at it, then they go to one of theſe *Gilters*, and tell him that they know where he can get a prize if he will be real to them, whereupon he will ſwear that he will be as honeſt as *Eaſter Newmans* wife, and ſo theſe *Gilters* are ſeldome out of imployment, but the beſt Informers are the private Thieves which ſhall be diſcovered in order.

The way to prevent theſe Gilters, is to be careful that you let not any ſee your Cheſt, Trunk, or Boxes where your Treaſure is, opened, nor ſee you put any thing into them, for opertunity makes thieves, and in ſo doing you will prevent the private Thief, who gives notice to the Gilter where he may get the prize: the Gilter very ſeldome goes but where he hath ſome notice. Secondly be ſure you keep your outward door well bolted, and then he is prevented entring into your houſe, for he goes only with Picklocks.

The manner of thoſe that go upon the Mill, *which are called Houſe-Breakers.*

The ſecond ſort of theives are thoſe that go upon the *Mill*, which are houſe-breakers, they are the moſt dangerous of all ſorts, they have an inſtrument made about half a yard long, and almoſt as long over, which they call a *Betty*, which being chopt under a door, with a little help, it will make it fly off

the hinges. There ſeldome goes leſs then three or four in at gang of theſe, and very ſeldome but where they are informed by the private Thieves: when they enter, they carry in one hand a dark *Glim*, and in the other a *Poller*, which is a dark *Lanthorn* and a *Piſtol*, ſo they truck up the dancers, which is run up ſtairs and bind all in the houſe, and ſome they gagg, which they call *faget* and *ſtorm*, ſo having made all ſure, they riffle the houſe for yellow-boyes and pieces of white, which is Gold and Silver, and if they find none, they take the beſt bulleroyes or Lurryes they can find and pike off with them.

To prevent theſe that go upon the Mill.

You muſt be ſure to keep your door well bolted, but let your bolts be to bolte at the topp of your door, for if it be bolted at the top, it will break the force of the *Betty*, ſo that they cannot open the dore with all the ſtrength they can. Secondly put a plate over your hinges and it will do much good for the preventing of them, ſome may think that this is needleſs, but let them try it, and they will find it the beſt way to prevent thoſe that go upon the Mill.

The manner of thoſe that are called Glaſiers.

The third ſort of Thieves which are called Glaſiers, are the right quarrel-pickers, they are a ſort of cowardly thieves, they take out a pane of glaſs, and ſo go in at the window, and take what ſtands next them, and give it to one that ſtayes without to give him a watchword if there be any diſcovery, but if there be none, he will not ſtay long, for he is very fearful of the leaſt noiſe that is, ſo having got out, he makes all the haſt away to his fencing cins, where he will brag of his bold attempt and how he had like to been taken, which ſome of his concerns will ſeem glad that he eſcaped, which pleaſes well the humour of this glaſier.

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The way to prevent theſe Glaſiers or window-creepers.

Is to have ſhutters to your windows, for he will not venter to break them for fear of making a noiſe, ſo that if ye have ſhutters there is no work for theſe ſort of Glaſiers.

The fourth and fift ſort is a Budge and Snudge.

A Budge and Snudge commonly go together, a Budge is one that goes loytering up and down the ſtreet, till he can find ſomebodies door open, then he runs in boldly, and if he be ſeen by any body, he craves pardon for being ſo bold, and ſayes that he is miſtaken in the houſe, and asks for ſomebody that lives next door, or ſomebody that did live there before, but if there be no body in the houſe, then they are ſo bold to take what ſtands next them and gives it to his Snudge, who ſnudges away with it to his fencing cins who buyes it for a ſmall matter, ſo they ſit down and never ſtir till they have ſpent it, according to the old Proverb, *eaſily come, eaſily go*, ſo they pleaſe themſelves with a Song that ſutes very well with their idle life, which is

The Budge it is a delicate trade
and a delicate trade of fame
For when that we have bit the bloe
We carry away the game
But if the cully nap us
and the Lurres from us take
O then they rub us to the whitt
And it is hardly worth a Make
But when that we come to the whitt
Our Darbies to behold
And for to take our Penitency
And booſe the water cold,
But when that we come out agen
as we walk along the ſtreet
We bite the Culley of his cole
But we are rubbed unto the whitt.

which moſt of them do find in the end, that do follow this courſe of life, yet no warning will ſerve.

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And when that we come to the Whitt
For garniſh they do cry
Mary faugh you ſon of a w----
Ye ſhall have it by and by
But when that we come to Tyburn
For going upon the Budge
There ſtands Jack Catch *that ſon of a w----*
That owes us all a grudge
And when that he hath nooſed us
and our friends tips him no Cole
O then he throws us in the cart
and tumbles us into the hole.

The ſixt and ſeventh ſort of Theives which is a File *and a* Bulk

A *File* is a Pickpocket, a *Bulk* is his came-Rogue, who goes alwaies with the *File*, for he can do nothing without the *File*, therefore he is ſubject to the *File*, and muſt do what the *File* would have have him, ſo that the poor *Bulk* is beaten many times, for the *File* doth cauſe the *Bulk* to quarrel and fight, but he is not one thats to part them, for while they are a fighting he is buſy in picking their pockets that ſtands to ſee them fight, or go about to part them: ſo having got what he can away he goes and leaves the *Bulk* to come off as well as he can. He ſeldome goes to Church, if he do, it is not to pray, but to watch his time to pick their pockets, as commonly they make more haſt out of Church, then to Church, which they find to their ſorrow. To prevent the *File*, keep out of a croud, and when your joſled by any in the ſtreet, be very careful of them that are on the other ſide of you and mind not them that joſle you for the *File* will never joſle you.

A *Lifter*.

Is one that goes from ſhop to ſhop, pretending to buy, but it is to ſteal, they will cheapen ſeveral ſorts of Goods as you ſell till they have opportunity to convey away ſome of them into their Coats, which are turn'd up a purpoſe for their deſign, ſo they will buy ſeveral, and leave a ſhilling earneſt for them, but never

never intend to fetch them. They are moſt women that go upon this deſign, and commonly they go two together, and when the Shop-keeper turns his back, one of them conveys what ſhe can get, and ſo goes away, ſo the other pretends there's nothing that pleaſes her, ſo that if the Shop-keeper miſſeth any thing ſhe will ſay, do you not know the maid that ſtood by me, and he anſwers no, why ſure ſhe is your maid, I ſee her carry it with her, ſure you do but jeſt, whereupon he will grow angry, and it may be have her before a Juſtice, who will diſcharge her, unleſs he will ſwear againſt this *Lifter*, who being honeſt will be very careful how he ſwears.

A Tongue-Padder.

Is one that hath a fine Tongue, a quick Wit, and can ſpeak ſeveral Languages, he is one that ſeldom ſpeaks truth but gives himſelf to Romancing, ſo that he will tell you feigned ſtory preſently according to his deſire; as if you be a talking of going into the Countrey, he underſtands by your diſcourſe preſently where you are a going, ſo he deſires you to do him the favor to carry a Letter for him if you can, which none will deny; ſo having got a promiſe, he deſires to know what time you will go, and by one means or other he will know the very hour. You muſt know that this *Tongue-Padder* is one which is called a Setter, ſo that he Pads them in Town and his Confederates upon the Road, which for his information he receives his ſhare as well as if he had been with them. I remember a true Story of one of theſe ſorts of *Tongue Padds* that was lame, who went always when he had done any Feat to their Randevouze, and he would be ſo juſt that he would not bate a Penny of his ſhare, which when they were taken they diſcovered this *Tongue-Padd*, and going to the place of Execution, one of them turn'd back, and ſeeing him follow, he burſt out to laughter, which the Miniſter correcting, ſaid how can you laugh when you are a going to dye, (who ſaid) I cannot forbear laughing to ſee the old *Tongue-Pad* come hopping after us for his Snack, I warrant he will not bate a Penny of his due.

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Therefore when you are to go let not any ſtranger know where you are a going nor what charge, leaſt you be diſcharged of it.

A Private Thiefe

Is one that hath been in ſome Priſon and ſcaped a Scouring, who fearing that if they be taken again, it will coſt them their Lives; therefore they do declare the danger they go in, therefore they tell them that they will look out for a Service, ſo they agree, but withal to come once a Month and ſee them and tell them how it fares with them, ſo they lay out for a ſervice; if it be a Maid ſervant they commonly go to thoſe that help people to Services, and pretend that they are juſt come out of the Countrey and want a ſervice, but they would fain be in ſome Merchants houſe or ſome Gentlemans houſe, for they do not care to be with every dirty Slut, and if ſo be they can help them, they will not be ungrateful, ſo by that means they get into great Mens houſes, where they carry themſelves ſo demurely that they quickly get into favor, who no ſooner ſees where the Money is, but they go to their Comerogues and diſcover where it is and how they may come by it without this Private Thiefes being miſtruſted; So they come and bind and gagg all in the houſe, and likewiſe this Private Theif.

In the next Part you ſhall have a fuller Diſcription.

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